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The city council seems to be between the devil and the deep sea.

Doesn't it sound rather one-sided to tell your friends that Hickman has a \$10,000 Carnegie Library and a 30c opera house?

The "merry widow hat" has or will cover up the "peek-a-boo" shirt waist this summer. Perhaps this fall will send the "merry widow hat" to the top shelf.

L. P. Garner was here from Union City, Tuesday, in the interest of the W. G. Reynolds & Sons packing business. Glad to see this business picking up again. Hickman needs it.

Congress has decided to or determined to let the country wait for its financial and tariff relief until after the election and longer. The people get all they want regularly in promises.

There's a lot of good old-fashion cussing going to waste on the railroad question just now. After all it will be "love's labor lost"—the road will just about go the way that suits them best.

Our Lurelle and lower bottom friends are making a just complaint about the road leading to Hickman. It is high time this matter was being looked after—with an emergency clause attached.

Despite the alleged hard times and the shrunken value of property both personal and real, the State Board of Equalization has increased the property value in this State, so that nearly \$200,000 more taxes will be collected this year than last. The board has now completed all their assessments. The total amount of tax for the state in 1907 was \$3,589,823.49, and for 1908 is \$3,740,228.86.

We received a genuine Night-rider letter one day this week. The letter proceeds to pay its respects to some of the members of the company controlling the lake interests, stating that they took the fishermen's money to help fight the lake law suits, went back on them, perverted the money from the purpose for which it was designed, brought up a lot of old worthless grants and turned the very guns against the fishermen they had placed in their hands and then proceeded to cut the mustard with a high and reckless hand. While the man that wrote the letter knows a whole lot more about fishing than we do the chances, are we know more about Tennessee's libel laws than he does. We should probably have several libel suits on our hands if we should publish his letter in full. "Night-rider" winds up as follows: "But I think the West Tennessee Land Company has bit off more than it can chew. If the Supreme Court gives the lake to the West Tennessee Land Company we won't never quit till we are all dead. If the Supreme Court does give the lake to the company they will have a happy time controlling it. We are 700 strong and can get that many more. So tell the people that we are on their side and if we have to settle with the Dirty Dozen we will ask them to help us."—Troy News Banner.

—Engraved cards and embossed stationery and cards of every description at this office.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION



A Hickman merchant suggests that practical shopping should be included in the course of study in our public schools. Also, the Courier cartoonist's idea modo et forma

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but not unless you are satisfied that you will get here the purest and best drugs any druggist can supply. When there is sickness in your house think twice before you have your prescription filled. Consider carefully the character of your Druggists and see if any have quite as good a claim on your patronage as we have.

HELM & ELLISON.

Our Billion-Dollar Congress.

The sixtieth Congress will have earned the title of a "billion-dollar Congress" at its first session before adjournment is taken at the end of this week. It is estimated that the total appropriations will reach the enormous sum of \$1,026,000,000, which is said to be the largest amount ever appropriated at a single session. The various items contributing to make up this prodigious aggregate are as follows:

Sundry civil, \$120,000,000; legislative, executive and judicial, \$33,000,000; army, \$95,382,000; postoffice, \$221,765,000; pensions, \$163,000,000; fortifications, \$11,500,000; agriculture, \$11,642,000; District of Columbia, \$11,500,000; diplomatic and consular, \$4,000,000; naval, \$122,662,000; Indian, \$9,000,000; urgent deficiency, \$26,000,000; public buildings, \$25,000,000; general deficiency, \$17,000,000; Military Academy, new immigrant station at Philadelphia, relief of cyclone sufferers in the South, etc., \$1,500,000; permanent annual appropriations \$154,000,000.

These appropriations are for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 1908. It is too early to give anything like an accurate estimate of the revenues of the Government during that period of twelve months, but members of the Appropriation committee think they will run somewhere between \$850,000,000 and \$900,000,000. This would mean a deficit of between \$125,000,000 to \$175,000,000.

Chairman Tawney, of the House of Representatives, warned the House that the deficit would reach

\$150,000,000, and if this prediction is fulfilled, the surplus now in the Treasury will be wiped out by June 30, 1909, inasmuch as at the end of this fiscal year there will be a deficit of between \$60,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

5-ply guaranteed hose at 12c per foot, at Cotton & Adams.

Disastrous Fire at Mayfield.

The Mayfield Water and Light Plant was burned to the ground, Monday. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is total with only \$6,000 insurance. The plant is estimated by those who knew to be worth about \$35,000.

This is a great calamity to Mayfield, as it puts all the newspapers, factories and other industries out of business. The residents are without water, except what they carry from a distance, with no prospect for any soon. It will take several weeks at best to get in machinery so the city can get power, water and light.

Gov. Willson has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, June 14th, as "Flag Day," on which the national flag will be displayed on the State building this being the anniversary of the birth of the flag. The Governor suggests that special exercises be held in all the public schools of the State, so that the children may be taught the history of the flag and the proper respect for it.

Poultry Fence, any quantity or height, prices right.—Bettendorff, Prather & Co.

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THE LAW OF THE RANGE

By Arch Macklin

On the western slope of the great Cascades where the Columbia rolls blue to the sea and the sun smiles warmly on the hundred mille ribbon of green, luxuriant pasture range, there the word of the law was Force and the strength of the Stronger Man.

Old Jim Markleton, who in all the years his cattle had ranged that slope, had been the Stronger Man and the law, and when Bud Bledsoe and his sheep outfit came up from the south there had been a dividing line marked down by the Law which Bledsoe's sheep were to severely respect. The dividing line was Hopkins' creek and the price of passing—death. Bledsoe's sheep cropped the stubby grass above Hopkins' creek until there was none left to crop, so they crossed. It was then that the war began.

Martha Markleton, breathing deep the mountain air, rubbed her eyes and looked to the dawn-kissed peaks of the snowy Cascades. Rising white and blue and straight as a temple column, a thin shaft of smoke ought to touch the heavens. The girl choked in her deep breathing and turning ran feet-footed to the house, her eyes wild with excitement.

"Dad! Dad, dad!" she cried, "they're coming!"

There were four of them when they rode away. Old Jim, Mat Hicks, Tom McConnell and Martha. The old man swore at her coming.

"It ain't goin' to be no picnic, girl," he chided, "there'll be some killin' and a regular barbecue of sheep. I'll kill Bud Bledsoe if I can. Likewise he'll kill me if he can."

Martha Markleton fell to thinking. Once in her lonely rides she had met Bledsoe and talked with him. Taught to despise sheepmen, she had found it hard to dislike Bledsoe, who had a "way" so different from her own folks, and kind which she had read about in books. He was a good-looking young chap, good-looking in spite of his red hair, and, what was greater, he seemed to have no more fear of her dad than she. "When the grass is gone up yonder," he had said, "then we will cross the creek." After that he had revised his opinion of a man who thought he owned the whole state of Oregon, which made her very angry, and immediately following that he had made her gasp when he said: "I believe that I already love you and will want to marry you some fine day." Even now her heart beat faster when she called it to mind.

And now her dad was riding out to kill Bud Bledsoe and Bledsoe to kill her dad.

It was near to noon when they came across the Bledsoe party. "Peg" Donaldson, Markleton's lookout, who had signalled the march of the enemy, had taken to the woods, and showed up after the fight was over, pale and embarrassed. Plugged deep by a bullet from one of Bledsoe's men, old Markleton lay cursing and spitting blood, while his stalwart enemy, Bledsoe himself, bandaged him up, carried him into his own shack, and laid him carefully on his own bed. Then he left him in care of Martha, while he rode down into Somerset, 14 miles away, to fetch a doctor.

Markleton was old, and it took him a long time to get well. It was a very long time, even before he could be moved to his own ranch. Disgruntled of the big, red-headed sheep-herder and his men, old Jim begged his daughter to stay with him.

Martha Markleton stayed at her father's side and cried when Bud made love to her, and scolded her father for terming their host a "good-for-nothing," murderous sheep-hooker.

But in time old Markleton began to hold this indomitable young "cousin" in awe. Hours at a time Bud and he cheerfully wrangled at politics or poker, the younger man always coming out modestly victorious in the end.

One day (the old man was able to hobble about) Bud broached the question.

"I love your daughter, Jim," he said, "and she loves me. She's never quacked said so, but she does just the same. Never mind now! Wait until I'm through talking. I've got a proposition. The law of the range is what I say. You're a back number, a good-for-nothing old cowpuncher. Pray don't get excited. Suppose we make it 'Markleton & Bledsoe.' You know the law of the range is what I say."

"Dad, dad," said a small, wee voice, "do!"

The old man thought it over just one minute and again the small, wee voice said: "Dad, do!"

"The law of the range is what she says," old Markleton flared up, and he again began cursing his luck.

Human Life in the Future.

"The bath of the next century," says T. Baron Russell in his book, "A Hundred Years Hence," "will have the body speedily with oxygenated water delivered with a force that will render rubbing unnecessary, and beside it will stand the drying cupboard, lined with some quickly moving arrangement of soft brushes, and fed with a highly dehydrated air, from which, almost in a moment, the bather will emerge, dried, and with a skin gently stimulated, and perhaps electrified, to clothe himself quickly and pass down the lift to his breakfast, which he will eat to the accompaniment of a summary of the morning's news read out for the benefit of the family, or whispered into his ears by a talking machine."

Extracts from the Rules and Regulations and Tariff Adopted by the City Council, of Hickman, Ky., governing the Water and Light Plant.

Sprinkling

Hose for sprinkling front areas and sidewalks shall be used only from the 1st of May to the 1st of November, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the morning, and from 1 to 2 in the afternoon, and from 5 to 8 o'clock in the evening. Sprinkling must be closely confined to one's own front and not extended beyond the middle of the street, and to be within rates must be only through an 1-8 inch nozzle. The use of a larger nozzle will subject the party, using it, to double rates. Use of a hose without nozzle is prohibited.

Garden (lawn or yard) Sprinkling is one thing, Street Sprinkling is another, and both must not be indulged in unless both are paid for according to rates.

Water for sprinkling must be paid for in advance for the season. Sprinkling street and sidewalk with hose 1-8 inch nozzle 25

feet front or less \$2.50
Sprinkling street and sidewalk with hose 1-8 inch nozzle, 50 feet front \$4.00

Each additional foot over 50 5c

Sprinkling yard or garden with hose, per square yard, 1-4 cent, no nozzle larger than 1-8 inch opening, and no privilege for less than \$2.50

These are the season rates and parties will please apply at our office before indulging in the use of water. Water from the Water Works, not contracted and paid for is the Company's property and must not be used with impunity without its knowledge and consent.

No occupant or owner of any building in which the water is introduced will be allowed to supply water to other persons or families or permit others to take hydrant water from their premises. If found doing so the supply will be stopped and the amount of payment made by such owner or occupant forfeited.

For a violation of any of the preceding rules and regulations this company reserves the right to stop the supply of water without any preliminary notice; nor will it be restored except on a payment of the expense of shutting it off and turning it on—in no case less than \$1.00 and upon a satisfactory understanding with the party that no further causes of complaint shall arise.

Any person who shall turn on the supply of water * * * * without having first obtained a permit to do so from this company shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars * * * * *

These extracts are taken from the Rules and Regulations adopted by the City of Hickman, and the only change is where "this company" or "company" is inserted in place of "City Council" or "Superintendent." Parties will please be governed accordingly.

Hickman Ice & Coal Co., Incorporated.

Marshal's Sale for Taxes.

On Monday, June 8th, 1908, it being the first day of the June term of the Fulton County Court, at the Court House door in Hickman, Ky., I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, for taxes due the city of Hickman for the year 1907 and cost of sale, the following described real estate, assessed in the names of the following parties, to-wit:

WHITE LIST.	
Judge, Mollie Estate, O H No 368	\$7.39
Kemp, Mrs. Eula, W H No 222	11.28
Remley, Mrs. H. F. G. A No 70 and 80	2.14
Salmon, Q M T Estate, E H B 7 Nos 201-3	7.30
Unknown Lots, W H Nos 183, 137	3.33
Weimer, P J W H S1-2 No 126	2.40
Walker, Mrs. M. M., W H N 1-2 Nos 218, 219	21.89

COLORED LIST.	
Bynum, Josh, E H B 7 Nos 265-6-7	\$6.91
Branham, Walter, E H B 4 Nos 209 10	8.89
Brewer, Brown, E H B 6 Nos 249-50	6.24
Bragg, Manuel, E H B 4 No 245	4.91
Barnes, Ben, E H B 5 No 141	4.91
Bennett, Will, E H B 6 Nos 240-1-2	5.16
Carter, Amy, G A No 79	3.67
Ewing, George, E H B 6 No 231	5.58
Eulis, Jim, E H B 3 No 181	4.59
Ferrell, Pap, E H B 4 No 101 feet W end of 140 to 165	4.92
Gross, Fred and Ella, E H B 3 No 67	4.26
Hammock, Alf heirs, E H B 3 No 155	2.99
Hooker, Horace, E H B 6 No 230	6.24
Lowrey, G. L. G A Nos 107-8	7.57
Meriwether, Henry, E H B 6 Nos 236-7-9	5.58
Meriwether, Rube heirs, E H B 5 Nos 217, 1-2 of 218	3.99
Milner, Ada, E H B 7 No 268	3.33
Ringo, Tom, E H B 5 Nos 145-6-7-8	4.92
Ringo, John, E H B 5 No 144	4.26
Reid, Martha heirs, E H B 7 Nos 262-3-4	3.33
Smith, Ganey, E H B 7 Nos 254-5-6	3.58
Thomas, Cassie, W H 1-2 of No 80	3.33
Taylor, Hollis, E H B 4 Nos 219-20	5.58



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